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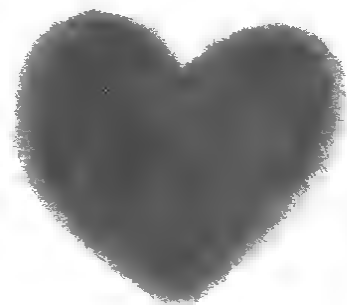
I don't know yet

That if I fell in love,

what kind of sound would
come from my chest -



恋*音
コイオト
Sign of Love
第1話
だい わ

GOROU-SAANNN
GOROU-SAN,
IT'S ROCKY OVER THERE, RIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THERE. IT'S DANGEROUS!
Gorou-san
Bark Bark
GOROU-SAAAN!!

Minori Ichigo 3rd Year Middle School During summer break, we went to Auntie's place near the coast
ICHIGO-
AH.
MOM, DID YOU SEE ICHIGO?
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ICHIGO, SHE WENT TO TAKE A WALK WITH GOROU.
IS IT OKAY FOR A GIRL TO BE WALKING ALONE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
IT'S FINE BECAUSE ICHIGO RESPONSIBLE LIKE HER MOTHER
No Trespa
And Dad, she can be a little airhead at times like me
SFX: BUUU

translator's note: Obon is the day to respect deceased ancestors.
swaying
So dark…
Since Obon is near, it feels like something will come out---
GYAAAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAA!!! A GHOST!!
EH?
WAH!

GEEZ...
hah
A person?!
Huh...?

BESIDES THAT!
WHAT A PRETTY GUY...
WH- WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
THIS ROCKY PLACE IS DANGEROUS! IT'S TOO DARK FOR PEOPLE TO SEE WHERE THEY STEP SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE DIED HERE
BORK BORK
I KNOW
ANYWAYS BECAUSE OF YOUR SCREAMS JUST NOW,
I LOST MY KEYS
EH?
NO-NO WAY
SORRY WHAT KIND?
A KEYCHAIN OF A BLUE FISH
SFX. OWA OWA
EE-EK
WHAT DID I DO!!
PLEASE WAIT!!
I'M LYING.

EH?
とん
YOU PANIC TOO MUCH
WHAT?
AH
SHOULD I TAKE YOU HOME?
AS A GHOST.
SFX: HIYA DORO DORO

SFX WANI WANI

ガラ～ン
Ouu's is rundown
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF THE NEW, PRETTY SHOP NEXT DOOR
BUT, IT SEEMS LIKE THERE AREN'T ANY CUSTOMERS ANYWAY
NO.
BEFORE I USED TO HELP AT DAD'S SHOP.
REALLY? I'M HAPPY
I'm so thankful~
YOSH.
I'LL GO YELL FOR CUSTOMERS
Please do
Leave it up to me
とぅ

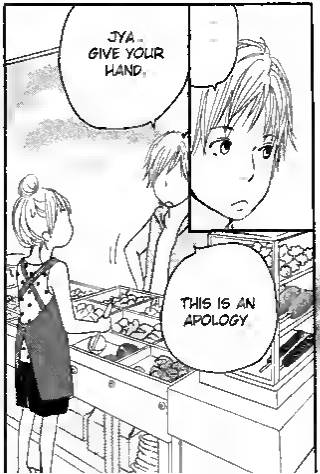
AH!
The guy from last night
WHAT? SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
WAIT-
Ha ha ha ha
IYA HOLD ON.
DON'T ASK SOMETHING RIDICULOUS
SH-HH
WHAT-

HA?
IF HE HEARS, IT'LL CAUSE TROUBLE FOR ME
HEY
UM...
ABOUT YESTERDAY NIGHT, CAN YOU NOT TELL ANYONE ABOUT YOU SEEING ME THERE?
IF YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING, I'LL LEND A HAND?
?
BUSY?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
カラ〜〜〜…
……
しい

わい
わ
やだ〜♥
キャ
キャ
30 MINUTES LATER
.....
WHAT KIND OF MAGIC?!
WHAT?!
SEEMS LIKES A PERFECT MATCH, NE?
AH SO BEAUTIFUL ♡
cutie♡
HEY, GO ASK FOR HIS NAME
DO YOU WANT TO SWIM, BABY?
KYAA ♡
HE LOOKED OVER HERE ♡
NO WAY~
I WANT GET CLOSER TO HIM

He really took it off
HEY KOUKI,
WHY DID WE HAVE TO TAKE OFF OUR SHIRTS?
MA-MA,
IT'S A SERVICE
WHAT IS?
NO, WORK! WORK!
WHAT IS WITH THIS SEXY PLAN...
But she's still looking

Ah
WE FILLED THE PLACE UP
SO PUT IT ON THE HOUSE ♡
ONE TAMAGO MISS,
AH, YES
……
EVEN IF A PERSON IS A LIAR,
IF HE LOOKS GOOD, HE'LL BE WELL LIKED NE!
……
AH I SAID SOMETHING HURTFUL



EH. ?

THAT LIE WASN'T TRUE. ?

SO THAT MEANS

PRETTY
RIGHT? IT'S CALLED SEA GLASS.
Glass that I rinsed up in the ocean.
WE SHOULD PROBABLY GO BACK NOW, KOUKI
AH, OKAY.
Got dressed already
BYE
"ICHIGO" CHAN

"ICHIGO"?
AH- MY NAME TAG
What were you doing? Um, flirting?
Pretty...
Apology gift...

HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING BAD THEN...
BUT IF IT WAS THIS BRIGHT, EVEN IF HE DROPPED THE KEYS,
HE WOULD HAVE FOUND-
THAT BOY SAID THAT HE LOST THE KEYS AROUND HERE...
IT WAS AROUND HERE, RIGHT?
Today the score is closed!
UMMMM
IT...
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A
TAIKA, DID YOU HEAR A LOUD NOISE?
AH
KOUKI'S

I'LL GO GET A TOWEL
Yosh, this will be tonight's dinner!!
DON'T LET IT GO!!
WHOA! THIS IS A BIG ONE!!
So,
What made you fall into the water?
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
Seriously
OUR DINNER
I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE~~
S-
SEARCHING
FOR YOUR KEYS.

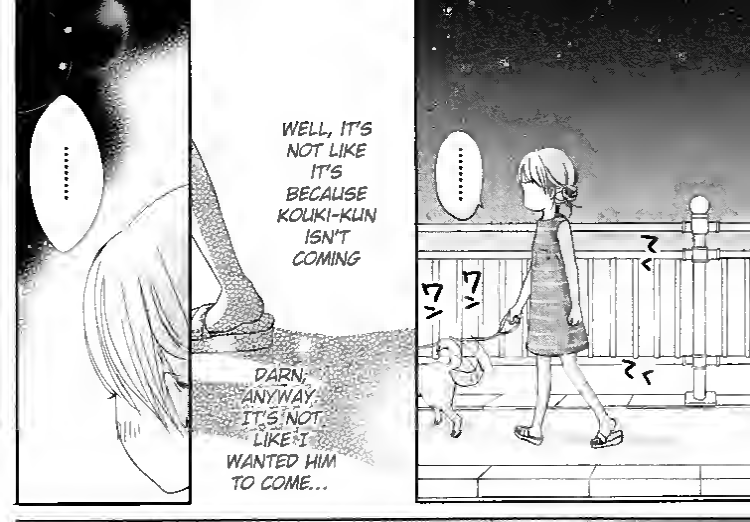
.....
I COULDN'T SEE IT THOUGH
B-
BUT
DON'T YOU NEED YOUR KEYS?
I THOUGHT IT WAS MY FAULT...
UH...
UM
Ichiso-Chan is Funny
AHAHAHA
AND THAT'S WHY YOU FELL?
THERE'S NO NEED
I DON'T USE IT ANYMORE ANYWAY
EH?!
Really?

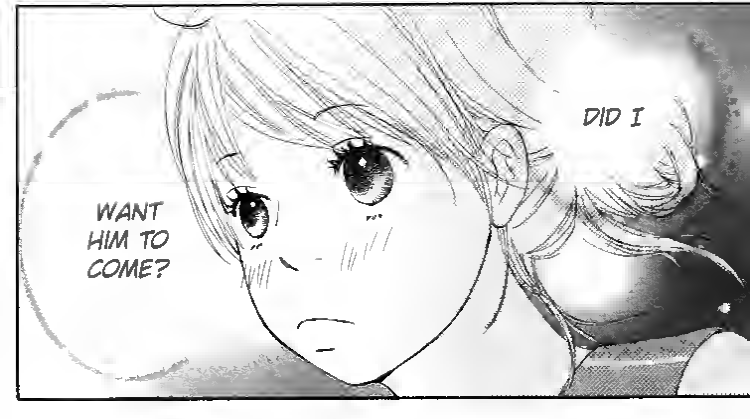
DON'T DO ANYTHING DANGEROUS ANYMORE
SO DON'T TELL TAIKA
KOUKI, HERE A TOWEL
AH, THANK YOU
?
WHY IS IT A SECRET?
YEAH, DURING THE BON FESTIVAL BREAK,
WE'RE AT KASHIBETSUSOU IN KOYAMA
TAIKA DITCHED HIS KENDO TRAINING CAMP TO COME HERE
YOU GUYS ARE COUSINS?
. . . REALLY.
.....

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO, IF YOU LEAVE ALONE, CAN BE DANGEROUS
.....
Aha ha ha
TAIKA-KUN, YOU'RE LIKE KOUKI'S OLDER BROTHER.
YOU'RE THE SAME AGE RIGHT?
AH!
WHAT TIME IS IT RIGHT NOW?
UM, 4.00?
OH NO! I NEED TO SLEEP
Eh?
Anymore?
Per-per something constellation meteor shower
YOU KNOW TONIGHT IS THE PEAK OF THE METEOR SHOWER.
THAT'S WHY I NEED TO WAKE UP AT NIGHT!
EH.. METEOR SHOWER?
Perseids right?
I WANT TO SEE IT TOO!

TH-THEN,
EVEN THOUGH PAPA AND EVERYONE WILL ALSO COME WITH US TO SEE,
YOU STILL WANT TO COME?
YEAH!
WAH
WAAH...
YOU CAN'T.
IT'S IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, RIGHT?
EH,
BUT THERE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE ADULTS THERE TOO.
NO
YOU CAN'T GO AT NIGHT.

....STARTING FROM THE NEXT MORNING IS THE BUDDHIST MEMORIAL SERVICE.
WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO WAKE UP?
NOPE, I CAN'T.
SEE, I LOOK
Che
CHE





YEAH

I WANTED HIM TO COME.

KOUKI-KUN AND I
SAW SHOOTING STARS TOGETHER
CHE...
ワン
ワン
ワン
ワン
GEEZ, WHAT?
YOU'RE SO NOISY GOROU-SAN
YOU'LL ANNOY THE NEIGHBORS ...

ワン
AH! I KNEW IT WAS YOU, ICHIGO-CHAN.
ワン
ワン
HUH? YOU'RE BY YOURSELF ?

WHAT THE...
AND IT WAS SO HARD TO SNEAK OUT TOO
EH?
REALLY?
AH...
RIGHT NOW I'M JUST TAKING A WALK...
WOULDN'T WATCHING THE METEOR SHOWER BE LATER INTO THE NIGHT?
Today the amount that can be seen is really little
KOUKI-KUN REALLY CAME
HE CAME

AH
JUST NOW
DID YOU SEE THAT JUST NOW? THE SHOOTING STAR.
EH?
.....
... I SAW IT

I SAW IT!!
AHAHAHA !!
...BOOK?
AH, PAPA IS A PICTURE BOOK AUTHOR.
BUT HE DOESN'T SELL WELL
Ahaha
AH! UM...
I WISH MORE OF PAPA'S BOOKS WOULD SELL!!
AH! A WISH
HEH~ COOL!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR MOM? A MANGAKA?
MAMA'S NOT AROUND
AH-
BECAUSE SHE DIED WHEN I WAS ONLY 10
hahaha

AH.
BUT MAMA WROTE STORIES!
IT WAS ONLY HER HOBBY THOUGH.
AND SHE ALSO LIKED TO COOK AND EAT!
WHAT ABOUT KOUKI-KUN'S MOM?
WHAT KIND OF PERSON WAS SHE?
MINE ALSO ISN'T AROUND
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER HER FACE
EH?
Um.
NOW THEN, IT'S ABOUT TIME TO GO BACK.
'CAUSE IT'LL BE BAD IF TAIKA FOUND OUT.

KO-
KOUKI-KUN
BYE

TODAY THERE WERE LOTS OF SHOOTING STARS SO
LOTS OF WISHES WILL COME TRUE

WHAT'S WITH THAT?
EH
UM
See, like the lost keys
or I-like your mom
THANK YOU
GOOD NIGHT

GEEZ, YOU BETTER NOT SLEEP
BEFORE WE WATCH THE METEOR SHOWER
EXCUSE ME!
たたたた
yeah yeah
STARGAZING AND DRINKING
BEER, BEER ♪
SUNTORY
Yodobashi
AH, PAPA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
So much sweat... has he been running?
...EH?
はぁ
HEY YOU..
HAVE YOU SEEN KOUKI?
はぁ
はぁ
HUH? TAIKI-KUN..

IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT KOUKI-KUN,
Somehow... he looks really hot
BUT HE ALREADY SAID HE'S GOING HOME?
OH, REALLY?
THANK YOU
AS LONG AS HE DOESN'T GO TO THE ROCKY AREA, IT'S OKAY
IT'S A CALM STREET TOO
WHAT MADE HIM THAT WORRIED?
TE TE TE...

I can't remember her face anymore
Like the lost keys or like your mom...
...I wonder why I am getting anxious
RIGHT, ICHIGO?

Really, I was wondering about it.
That night, why were you at that kind of place?
I-
ICHIGO!?
ICHIGO?
SORRY PAPA ...
I'M GOING FOR A LITTLE BIT
The rocky area where I first met him
A place where local people rarely go

KOUKI-
KUN...?

WHAT...
IS HE DOING?
HEY...
KOUKI-KUN!
He can't hear?
The night's rocky area has fast water flow...
No
Kouki-kun
Don't Go

Don't go...
ふぅ
はっ
Kouki-kun
Hold on

カクン

ICHIGO-CHAN!?
Hah hah
I caught him
ICHIGO-CHAN?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I YELLED FOR YOU BUT YOU DIDN'T HEAR
I ALREADY TOLD YOU IT'S TOO DANGEROUS HERE AND YET...
THOSE ARE MY WORDS
GEEZ, REALLY..

YOU STUPID IDIOT~~~
sob
...YEAH

KOUKI!
Tch
SORRY...

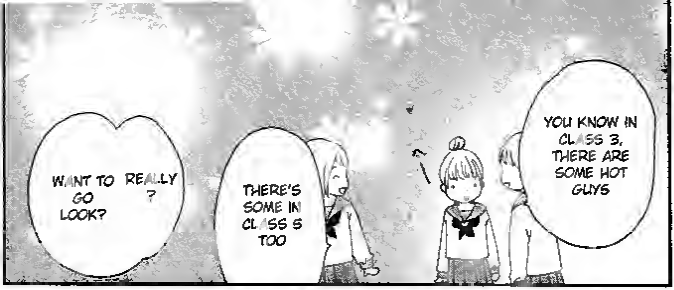
ICHIGO,
I WAS SO WORRIED
PAPA!
KOUKI, YOU...
KO-
KOUKI-KUN
ホッ
カッ

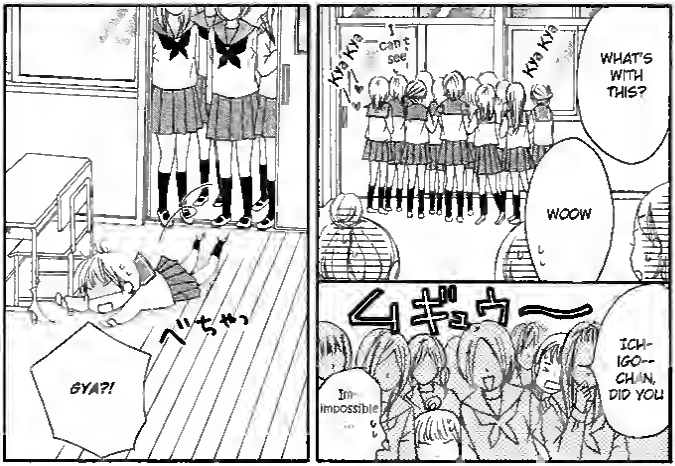
SEE YOU
He smiled
and waved his hand
But
He didn't appear
The next day and the day after that,

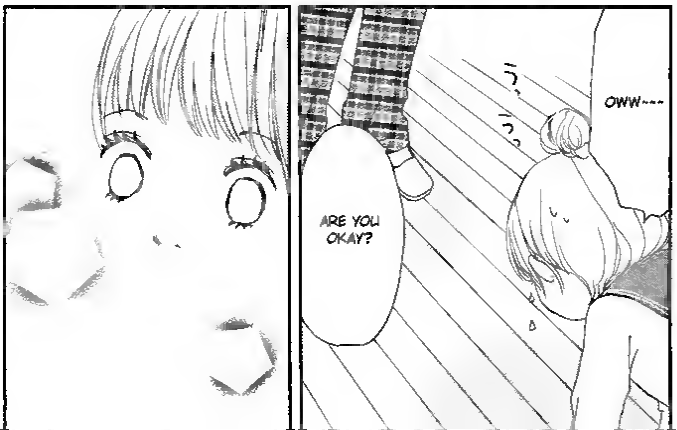
That day, why did you do that kind of thing?
Since then, I've been thinking about it a lot.
and I went back to Tokyo
Summer vacation ended
Everything seemed like a dream

I think about not being able to do anything about it
What was that about? Looking for an answer that won't come...

Tomorrow, I'll be a high school student
And then half a year already passed.


YOU KNOW IN CLASS 3, THERE ARE SOME HOT GUYS
THERE'S SOME IN CLASS 5 TOO
WANT TO GO LOOK?
REALLY?


WHAT'S WITH THIS?
Kya Kya
I can't see!
Kya Kya
WOOW
ムギュウ～
ICHIGO--CHAN, DID YOU
Impossible...
ﾌﾞﾁｬｯ
GYA?!


OWW---
ARE YOU OKAY?

so nice
kyu
I already thought that I would never meet him again, but
He's here in front of my eyes...

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Chapter 2

The summer of my third year of middle school

I had an unforgettable encounter.

That guy is now
right before my eyes...
NO WAY!
KOUKI-KUN? TAIGA-KUN TOO?
EH~? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

...
WHO ARE YOU?
I-I'M ICHIGO? LOOK WE MET HALF A YEAR AGO AT KAYAMA BEACH.
... HUH?
I HELPED OUT AT THE BEACH HOUSE
THE BEACH?
A GIRL I MET AT THE BEACH, HUH...

Tehehe
THERE WERE SO MANY OF THOSE GIRLS
I DON'T REMEMBER~
SFX THUD
What an...
Idiot...
You don't remember?
Nonsense?
Isn't that awful?
She's trying to stand out?
That girl
What?
Eh?
SFX KYAAA!
OI, LISTEN UP!
FRESHMEN!
WAIT IN YOUR CLASSROOM FOR INSTRUCTIONS UNTIL THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE CEREMONY!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING GATHERING AROUND?!
ICHIGO-CHAN, HURRY!
glance

RATTLE
ICHIGO-CHAN, YOU'RE IN CLASS 1, RIGHT?
NONE OF THE KIDS KNOW, YOU CAN COME VISIT~
SURE, SEE YOU LATER
DOES HE JUST LOOK LIKE HIM? THAT CAN'T BE
'CAUSE TAIGA-KUN WAS THERE TOO
WHERE DID YOU GOOOO, KOUKI?
MM, JUST ARO-UND

AAA-AHHHH!
The...
SFX RATTLE
NO WAY...
HEY, HEY
The same class?!
What's with this girl?

HABARA KOUKI-KUN
Who's that girl?
Sii
HUH?
...HA-BARA?
DO YOU KNOW HABARA-KUN?

AH...
Wow she's so cute!
I'M MIMORI ICHIGO.
NICE TO MEET YOU~ ♡
I'M MURASE RINO.
I WENT TO THE SAME MIDDLE SCHOOL AS HABARA-KUN

HUH?
SFX: GARA
HABARA-KUN IS DEFINITELY COOL, BUT
JUST BE CAREFUL~
KOUKI HERE?
WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE?
HEY, ISN'T SHE A SECOND YEAR?
She's pretty
!!!
WOAH
Huh? Who is it?
LONG TIME NO SEE~

YOU NEVER EVEN CONTACT ME...
RATTLE
AAH, SORRY, SORRY
SFX PUSH
What the hell Jeez!
KYAA!
I'M YOUR GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?!
WHAT'S WITH THESE GIRLS!!
RIGHT?
I NEVER SAID A WORD ABOUT US GOING OUT OR ANYTHING.
IT SEEMS I'VE MADE YOU MISUNDERSTAND SOMETHING.

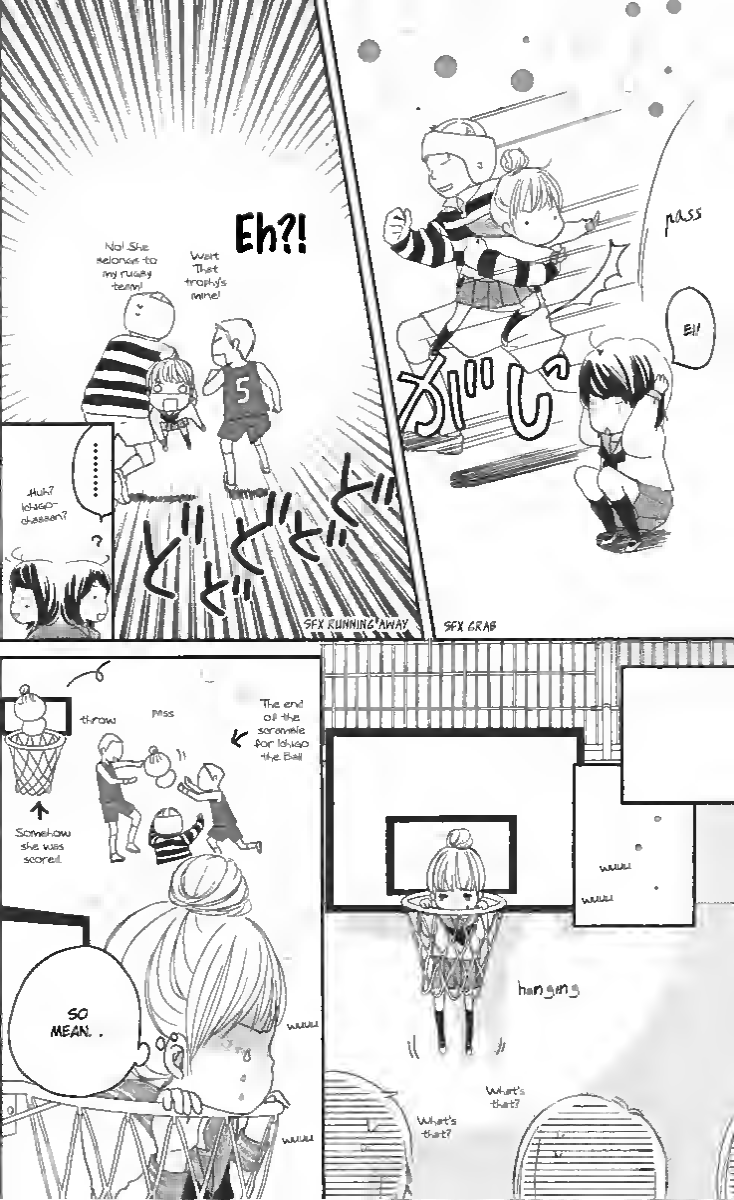
SFX SMACK
!!
Hee Hee

YOU WOR-RIED?
HEY, LOOK
TAP TAP TAP TAP
SFX BLUSH
!

IF YOU REALLY FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM, HE'S THE TROUBLESOME TYPE
I'm warning you, he's not your type.
HABARA-KUN IS VERY FRIENDLY BUT IT SEEMS HE DOESN'T DATE SERIOUSLY, YOU KNOW~?
BECAUSE THERE ARE A TON OF GIRLS LIKE THAT AROUND HABARA-KUN.
SHOCK
is Kouki-kun...?!
What kind of person...
I'm fine I'm fine
Kouki you OK?
第31回 入学式
31ST SCHOOL ENTRANCE CEREMONY

Amazing! Amazing!
the top of his class?
A school entrance ceremony pre-senter...
That's Taiga-kun!
STOP TOT-TERING AROUND!
YOU! THE SHORT ONE!
Glasses
Emb-rassed
Sucker
Was that something you could forget so easily?
I wonder if you really don't re-member..
Kouki-kun.

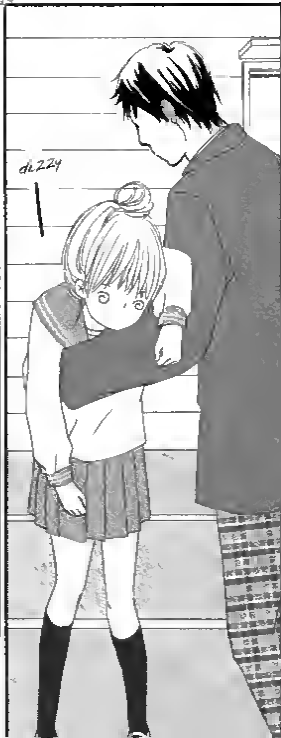
What was that?
Even though I was so worried about it...
NO, I THOUGHT I'D MAYBE GET A PART TIME JOB...
EVEN THOUGH THAT'S INTENSE RECRUITING...
Tea ceremony club!
Let's play Ping Pong!
You want to join the cheerleading squad?
THERE ARE SOME PUSHY ONES TOO.
ICHIGO-CHAN, DID YOU DECIDE ON A CLUB?
TENNIS CLUB AND ANIME CLUB
SFX RUNNING
IF THAT'S NO GOOD, WE'LL TAKE THE SHORT ONE!
ALL RIGHT! THAT TROPHY IS TALL AND CUTE!!
RINO-CHAN, LOOK OUT!!
KYAA!
MANAGER GET!!
SFX REACH


Eh?!
No! She belongs to my rugby team!
Wait That trophy's mine!
5
Huh? Ichigo-chaaan?
?
SFX RUNNING AWAY
pass
Eh!
SFX GRAB
throw
miss
The end of the ceremnie for Ichigo the Ball
Somehow she was scored.
SO MEAN. .
wwww
wwww
wwww
hanging
What's that?
What's that?

ひょい
Release
GYA!!
I can't get down...
My fingers are numb already

SFX: GRAB

Taiga-kun...
Hey...
WHAT THE?
drop
faint

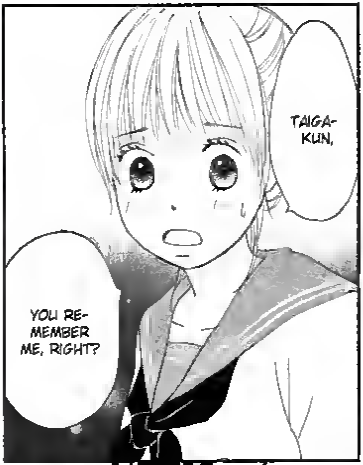

dizzy

Eh? No way!
What's going on here?
.....
YOUR CLASS-MATE, RIGHT?
This one.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
..Huh?...
I'm...
being carried by some-one...

Kouki-kun...?
awakes
RAISE
KOUKI-KUN?!
Oh my, good morning.

That's right. The one who saved me then was Taiga-kun.
Why did I think it was Kouki-kun?

Huh...?
TAIGA-KUN?


TAIGA-KUN,
YOU RE-MEMBER ME, RIGHT?

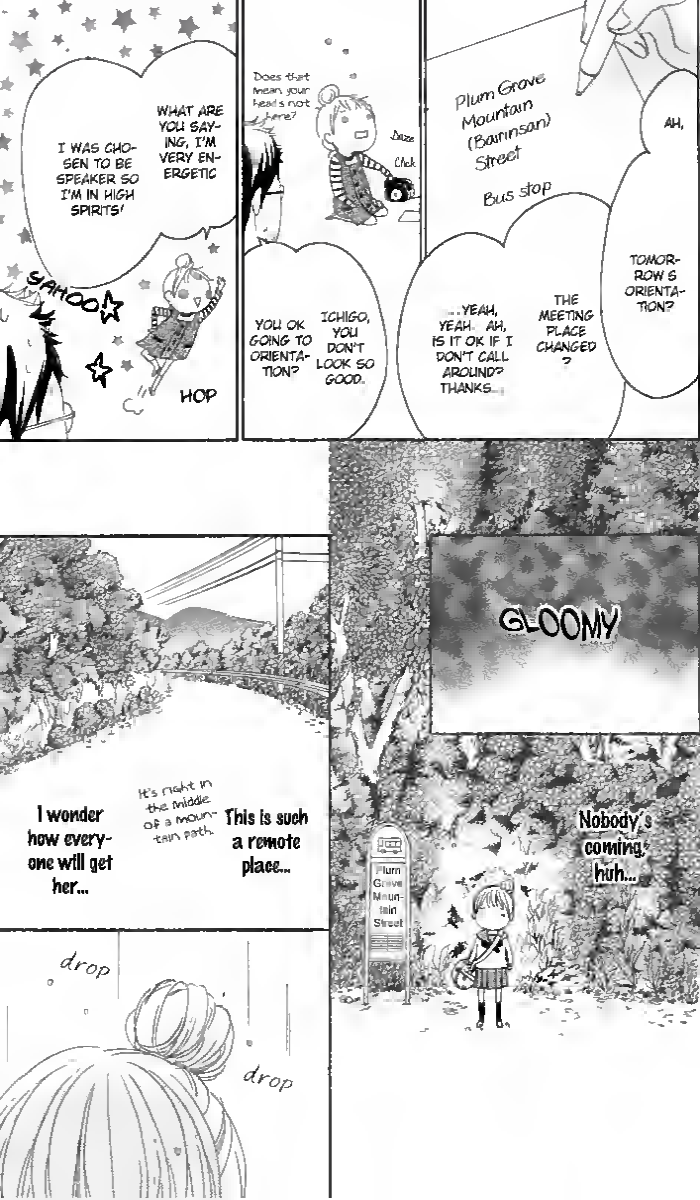
WELL THEN, AS IT SEEMS YOU HAVE RECOVERED CONSCIOUS-NESS, I WILL BE...
YES, THANKS FOR YOUR HELP
TAIGA-KUN!
TA-

IT'S BETTER
IF YOU DIDN'T GET INVOLVED
WITH KOUKI.
WELL, TAKE CARE

W-
WAH!
THAT...
Eh?
K-KOUKI-KUN... UM... JUST THEN ...

SHE TALKED TO YOU DIDN'T SHE?
ABOUT THAT SUMMER AT THE BEACH
I DIDN'T TALK TO HER OR ANYTHING
JUST IN CASE, I TOLD HER DON'T GET INVOLVED
THANK GOODNESS, RIGHT?

THANKS, TAIGA.
THAT'S GOOD.
I was ignored by Kouki-kun...
dazed
ICHIGO,
YOU HAVE A PHONE CALL. IT'S THE SCHOOL FRIEND NETWORK.
FEH?
ICHIGO--

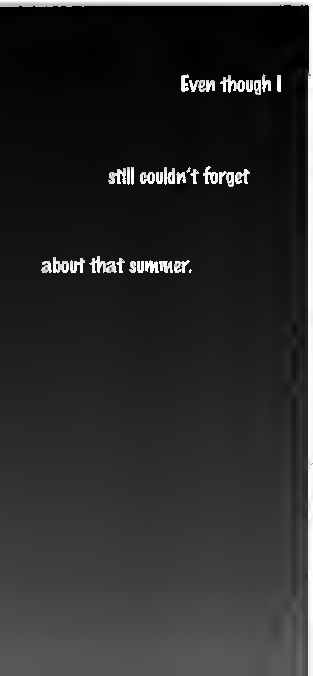

I WAS CHOSEN TO BE SPEAKER SO I'M IN HIGH SPIRITS!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, I'M VERY ENERGETIC
YAHOO
HOP
Does that mean your head's not here?
Buzz
Click
YOU OK GOING TO ORIENTATION?
ICHIGO, YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD.
Plum Grove Mountain (Barrinson) Street
Bus stop
AH,
TOMORROW'S ORIENTATION?
...YEAH, YEAH. AH, IS IT OK IF I DON'T CALL AROUND? THANKS...
THE MEETING PLACE CHANGED?
GLOOMY
I wonder how everyone will get her...
It's right in the middle of a mountain path.
This is such a remote place...
Plum Grove Mountain Street
Nobody's coming, huh...
drop
drop

DOWNPOUR
SHE'S LATE!
Bus Terminal
WHAT THE HELL IS SHE DOING, THAT MIDORI ICHIGO!!
SHE'S THE PRESIDENT, ISN'T SHE?!
IT'S HER FAULT WE CAN'T LEAVE.
ICHIGO-CHAN SAID SHE DIDN'T HAVE HER CELL PHONE
RINO-CHAN, COME INSIDE A BIT MORE IT'S RAINING.
THANKS
...SHE'S REALLY STUCK OUT THERE, HUH...
BUT ISN'T THIS REALLY BAD?
THE BUS RARELY GOES THERE.
SERVES HER RIGHT.

BECAUSE SHE TRIED TO STAND OUT IN FRONT OF KOUKI-KUN
HEY
DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT ICHIGO-CHAN?
HUH ?
shock
'SOMETHING'?
THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE KNOW ANYTHING.
YOU KNOW, RIGHT?
What's this atmosphere?
AH!
SFX:LIGHTNING
TELL ME?
HIIII---!

GRRRR
I SAW HER!
THAT GIRL BEING CARRIED IN KOUKI'S ARMS LIKE A PRINCESS, IT MADE ME SO ANGRY!
WELL,
WE JUST WANTED TO PULL A PRANK ON HER!
I DIDN'T THINK SHE'D BELIEVE IT.
SHE'S THE KIND OF GIRL WHO WOULD
*BUS TERMINAL
バスターミナル
YOU LIED TO HER ABOUT THE PLACE?!
PLUM GROVE MOUNTAIN ROAD?!
WHY SUCH A FAR AWAY PLACE
Zaaa
Zaaa
Zaaa
EH?
JUST NOW... WHO?

EVERYONE DEFINITELY ALREADY LEFT BY NOW...
teary
Why is nobody coming?
I wonder if I mis-heard the
Even so, this is strange...
SFX: ZAA ZAA
SFX: CRACK OF LIGHTNING
THUNDER
THUNDER
SHOCK


Even though I
still couldn't forget
about that summer.

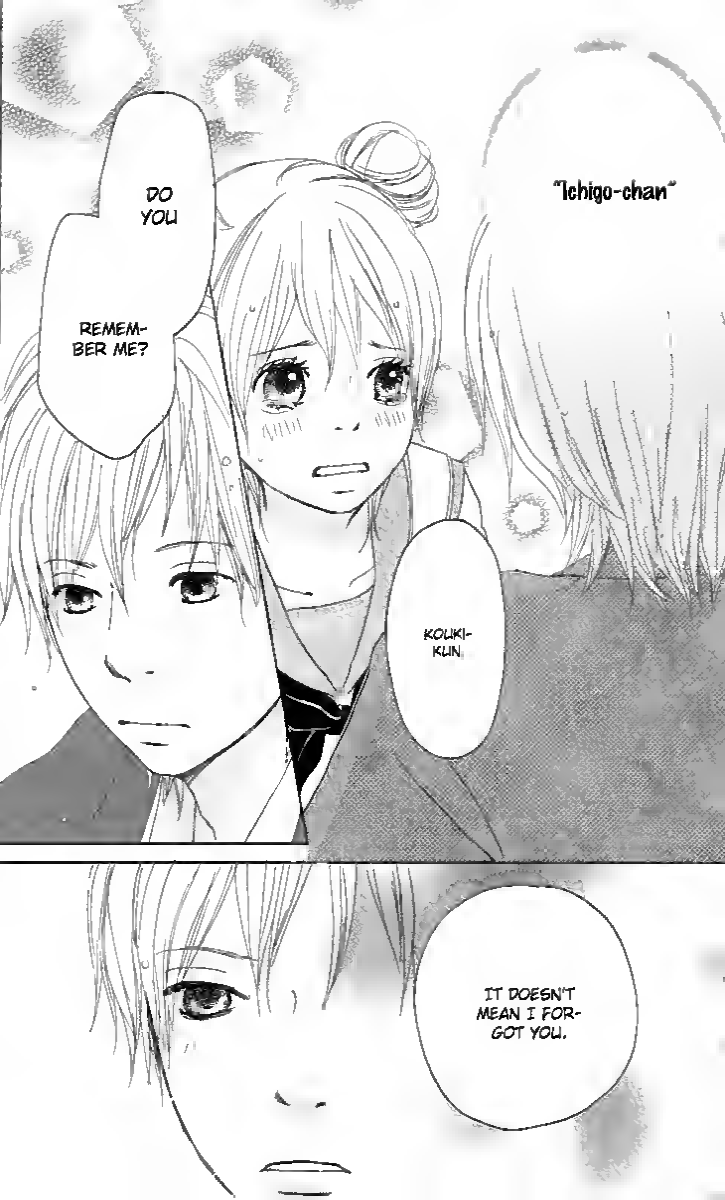
School hasn't gotten off to a good start.
Kouki-kun asked me who I was...

They sparkled so brilliantly.
It stuck close in my heart
but like a dream, it was short-lived
I thought of it like a treasured item.
Despite this, it was something Kouki-kun could forget?
HOOOM

SFX STARTLED
SFX THUNDER
SFX SPLATTER
screech
SFX STEP
SFX ZAA ZAA

ICHIGO-CHAN.
ARE YOU OK?

huff
huff
Am I seeing an illusion...? No way...
AWW, YOU'RE SOAKING WET
ICHIGO-CHAN
SOMEHOW YOU ALWAYS END UP TOTALLY WET, HUH

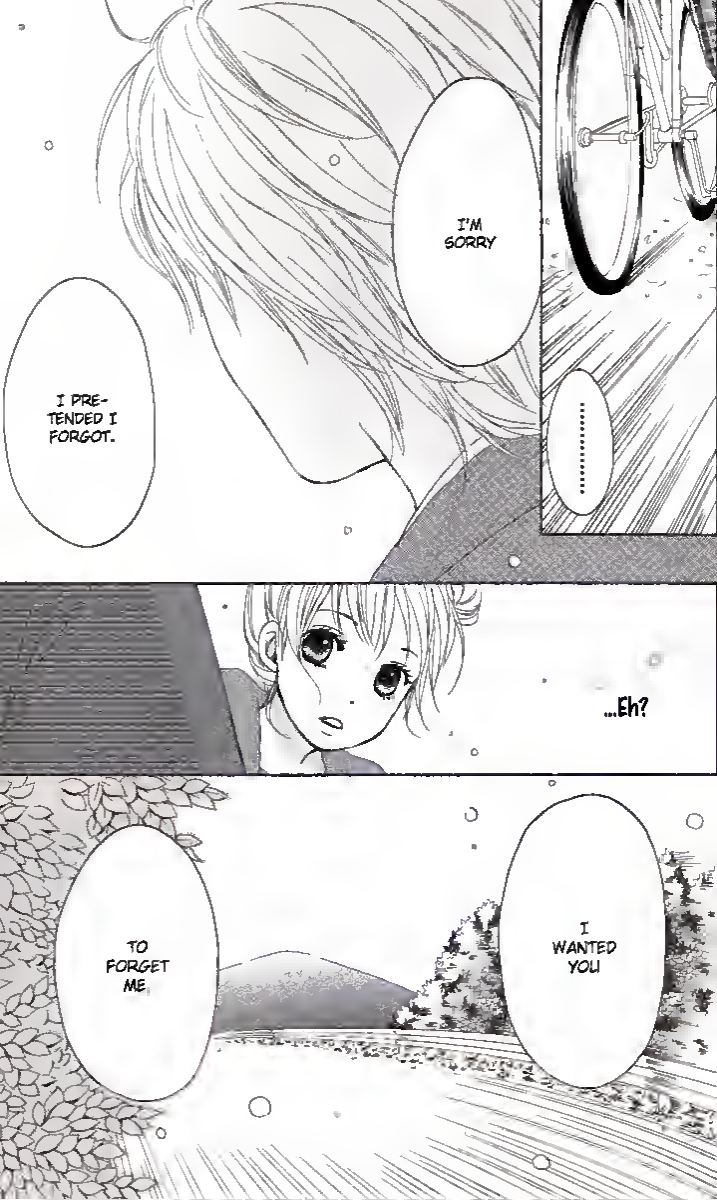

"Ichigo-chan"
DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
KOUKI-KUN
IT DOESN'T MEAN I FORGOT YOU.

AND THE SHOOTING STARS WE WATCHED TOGETHER.
AND THE SEA GLASS I GAVE YOU.
AND WHEN I FISHED YOU OUT OF THE OCEAN
AND WHEN WHILE YOU WERE CRY-ING
YOU CALLED ME AN IDIOT.
I REMEM-BER THEM ALL.

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO FORGET THOSE KINDS OF SPECIAL THINGS, RIGHT?

It seemed like those days vanished like a dream.
The vivid colors came back to me clearly.
Like when he carefully held me to his chest, like a treasured item.

Kouki-kun thinks of me as important.
SniFF
SniFF
IT'S TURNED INTO A DRIZZLE.
WE SHOULD GET BACK NOW.
GET ON
OK
BECAUSE WE'RE RUNNING LATE I'M GONNA GO FAST.
HOLD ON TIGHT
EH?
OK.
.....
HOLD


I'M SORRY
.....
I PRE-TENDED I FORGOT.
..Eh?
I WANTED YOU
TO FORGET ME

about that day.
he has been worried
this whole time
But that...
even now...

That's something he still feels?
SFX SCREECH
HYA!
squeeze
HEY, I TOLD YOU TO HANG ON TIGHT DIDN'T I?
YEAH
WAH!

Close to my ears, inside his body, the beat of his heart is resonating.

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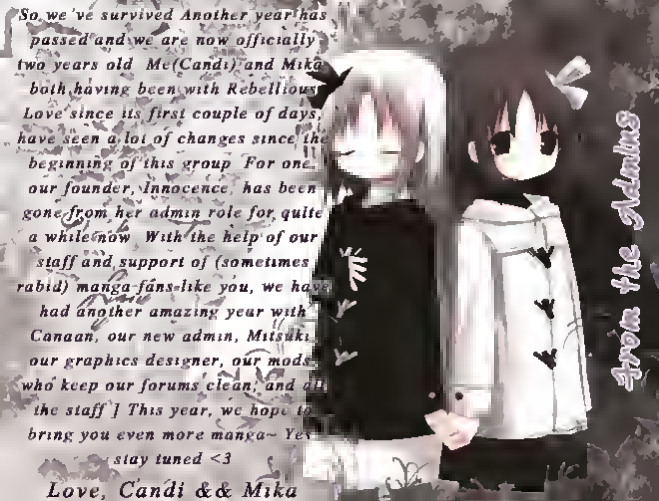

So we've survived Another year has passed and we are now officially two years old. Me(Candi) and Mika both having been with Rebellious Love since its first couple of days, have seen a lot of changes since the beginning of this group. For one, our founder, Innocence, has been gone from her admin role for quite a while now. With the help of our staff and support of (sometimes rabid) manga fans like you, we have had another amazing year with Canaan, our new admin, Mitsuki, our graphics designer, our mods who keep our forums clean, and all the staff] This year, we hope to bring you even more manga~ Yes, stay tuned <3

Love, Candi && Mika

Rebellious Love
HAPPY 2ND ANNIVERSARY

バスターミナル
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EH...
EH?!
WASN'T IT TAIGA-KUN ?!
I JUST HEARD IT FROM A GIRL WHO SAW
Th-then that time I wasn't dreaming...
but it was actually Kouki-kun?
THAT HABARA-KUN REALLY IS GENTLE TOWARDS EVERY GIRL HUH~~~
He really is the weakest of all girls! That kind of guy
AH, UH, YEAH
BUT STILL,
I SOMEHOW FEEL THAT ICHIGO-CHAN IS SPECIAL
Eh?

THAT...
PERHAPS HE WAS AFRAID ICHIGO-CHAN WOULD GET BULLIED AGAIN?
He's so caring~~~
AFTER HE DROPPED OFF ICHIGO-CHAN, HE RETURNED BY HIMSELF RIGHT?
BECAUSE...
SO ICHIGO-CHAN REALLY DOES LIKE HABARA-KUN AFTER ALL~~~?
WHA-
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
Hehe!
MY SIXTH SENSE IS USUALLY VERY ACCURATE.
Also, Ichigo-chan shows everything on her face
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THAT!
It's not possible
OH?
OH OH OH?
WHAT?

Ding
Dong
It's definitely not like that—!!
Start-ing today we're go-ing to be-gin reg-ular class-es...
Hm?
WHAT'S THIS?
AH~~?

AH,
MORNING.

"MIMORI ICHIGO, HABARA KOUKI"
"ARRIVED LATE TO THE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION AND LEFT EARLY AS WELL, CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR OTHER STUDENTS. BECAUSE OF THESE REASONS I ASSIGN THE FOLLOWING PUNISHMENT"
"THE TWO OF YOU MUST CLEAN THE BACKYARD OF THE GYMNASIUM THIS WHOLE WEEK"?!
M-
M-
MORN
MOR-NIN'
HEH— WHAT'S THIS?
.....
THAT'S TOO MUCH!
THE TWO OF US CLEAN THE WHOLE BACK-YARD?!
YAH!
RIGHT?!
Geez...it's all because Rino-chan said that weird stuff!
Huff Huff
...?
WHAT'S WRONG?

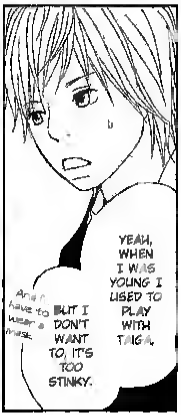
DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?
Why what the heck?

Wah—...
Asking me what's wrong... I don't even know what's wrong with me—!
Lets sweep— Yeah!
YES,
YES—.
.....
EH?
YOU TWO BETTER GET THIS DONE WELL,
AND IF YOU DARE SKIP ONE DAY I'LL INCREASE THE TIME
EH?

TAIGA-KUN YOU'RE IN THE KENDO CLUB
WHAT? YOU GUYS HAVE TO CLEAN?
THIS GUY HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN THE KENDO CLUB.
WHY DON'T YOU START AGAIN, KI?
KOU-
EH?
KOUKI-KUN USED TO PLAY TOO?
Huh?

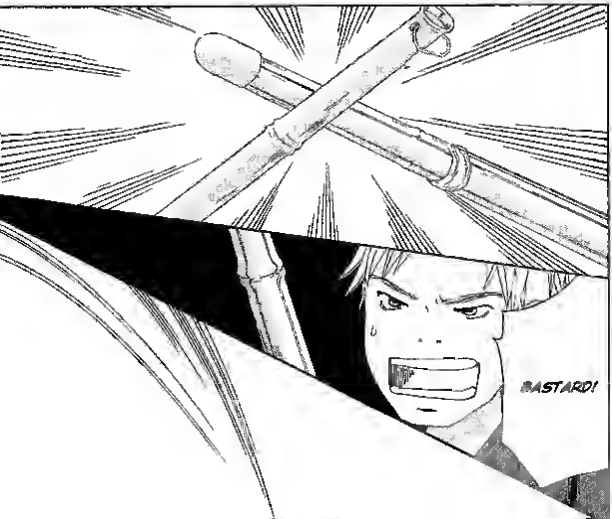
TAIGA-KUN.

ALSO,
IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ANYONE BETTER THAN TAIGA RIGHT? IT'S TOO BORING.


YEAH, WHEN I WAS YOUNG I USED TO PLAY WITH TAIGA.
BUT I DON'T WANT TO, IT'S TOO STINKY.
Ahhh I have to have a break.

YOU
Don't say so brash.
OI!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
TRY SAYING THAT AGAIN.
OH? HAVE I STEPPED ON A MINE HERE?
I'm correct?
BAS-
TARD!
Hah.
Wah! Definitely correct!

SFX: BOOM
WHOA WHOA!
DANGEROUS!
KO-
KOUKI-KUN!
WHOA!


BASTARD!

SFX: BANG
AH-
Oops~
KOU-
KI,
YOU
OI
!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SORRY ICHIGO-CHAN!
I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU
EH...
WHAT?!
Just now he...
seemed pretty cool...
.....
.....
Hop!
Was it like this?
.....
Heh!

I've been seen?!
Hehe
Retreat
I-
SHE REALLY IS SUCH AN IDIOT
HEY
YOU KNOW HER?
SHE'S REALLY CUTE!
WH-
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YOU'RE SWEEPING ALL ALONE? HOW LONELY HABARA-KUN ISN'T HERE
ICHIGO-CHAN
Kouki-kun didn't come today.

I THINK HE SKIPPED CLASS TO GO TO THE ROOF?
SPEAKING OF HABARA-KUN,
Th-this is definitely not because I'm lonely!
If he's found out, Kouki-kun will be in trouble too!
Wah!
He's pretty popular
THA-T'S GRE-AT
.....
Ancient Classic Night
THEY'RE REALLY POPULAR RIGHT NOW SO IT'S HARD TO GET TICKETS
KOUKI-KUN LIKES THESE KINDS OF THINGS TOO HUH.
THANK YOU
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

WELL I'LL CONTACT YOU SOMETIME
BYE-BYE
Kouki-kun.
is going on a date with that girl...
Ancient classic music huh.
.....?
.....

KO-
KOUKI-KUN!
Eh.....
.....

ICHIGO-CHAN...
WHAT YOU JUST FOLDED INTO A PAPER AIRPLANE,
IT WAS THE TICKET THAT GIRL GAVE YOU RIGHT?
WHY DID YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT ...?
THEN, YOU WANT ME TO RE-FUSE HER, AND THEN RETURN THE TICKET TO HER?
IF YOU ARE JUST GOING TO THROW IT AWAY,
THEN WHY WOULD YOU STILL SAY THINGS THAT MAKE HER HAPPY LIKE THAT?
IT SEEMS —SO CRUEL

DOING THOSE KINDS OF THINGS
IT'S ALMOST
NOT LIKE KOUKI-KUN.
YOU SAY ...
"IT'S NOT LIKE ME"?
EH?
Sigh

BUT ICHIGO-CHAN DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ANYTHING!
WE ONLY MET ONCE OVER THE SUMMER,
WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF ME?

BYE-BYE
WHAT COUNTS AS "LIKE ME"?

"WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF ME"
HUH ?
EVEN I DON'T KNOW ANYMORE

Will they be selling sandwiches today?
MIMORI-san!
Whoo-chan! Let's go to the cafeteria
GOOD AFTER-NOON!
AH!
THE ONE FROM THE KENDO CLUB?!
YEAH, YOU STILL REMEM-BER?
What was that?
HE'S GOT GREAT CHARISMA HUH
EASILY GETTING NEAR PE-OPLE
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK WITH YOUR SW-EEPING!
AH!
YES!
THANK YOU!
I KNOW HIM,
HE'S THE SECOND YEAR SENPAI HONGO-SENPAI
WOW!
AND HE'S SMART TOO
HE'S ALSO IN STUDENT COUNCIL

YOU'RE NOT BAD! ICHIGO-CHAN.
Oh—
EH?
BEING LIKED BY SOMEONE LIKE THAT...
EH!
SPOUTING NONSENSE AGAIN!!
Gasp! Ring-dart—
EH? SO?
WHO WILL YOU PICK?
BETWEEN THAT GUY AND HABARA-KUN.
ICHIGO-CHAN?
.....
... WITH KOUKI
IT'S DEFINITELY NOT LIKE THAT.

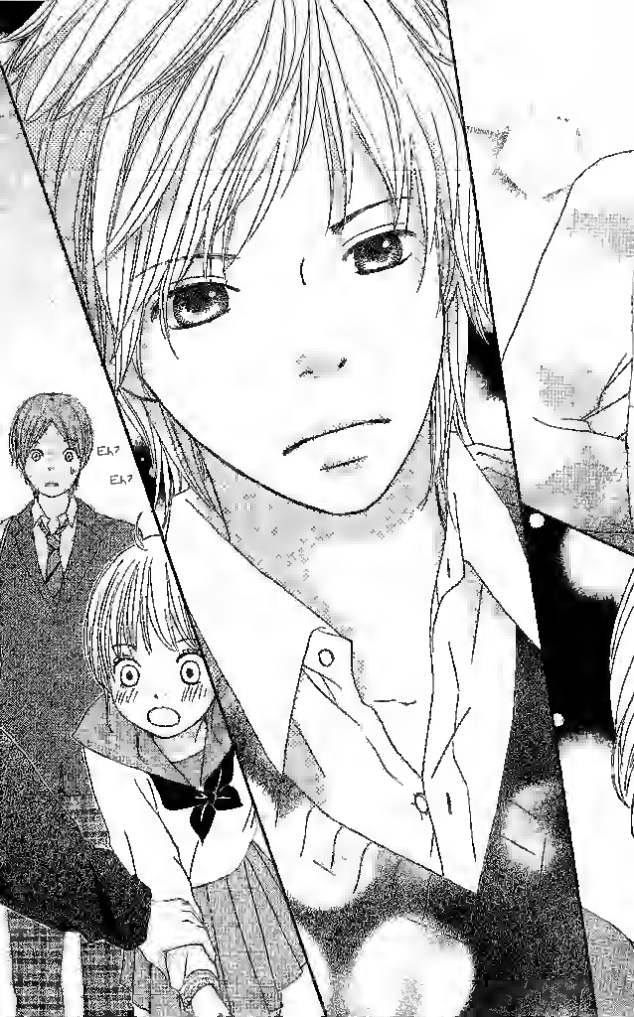
and that's all there is to it.
鵜左見駅
MIMORI -san
DON'T UNDER-STAND ANY-THING ABOUT KOUKI-KUN...
I...
All I know,
is the Kouki-kun I met for the first time that summer day.

Bye-bye—!
Yeah—
Oh,
Senba-senpai!
AH,
H-HELLO!
HEY THERE.
ARE ALWAYS CAREFULLY SWEEPING ALL BY YOURSELF AND IT'S VERY IMPRESSIVE
MIMORI-san YOU.
RIGHT...
IS YOUR HOUSE IN THE DIRECTION OF LIME-OKA?
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO CHAT WITH YOU
Ah-
He-he!
ALSO YOU'RE REALLY INTERESTING!

THEN... WOULD YOU LIKE TO WALK HOME TOGETHER?

Oh
Wāh
I've been seen
Somehow it feels like a misunderstanding

Even though Rino-chan said that
"I somehow feel that Ichigo-chan is 'special'."
it's not right at all.
He didn't say anything,
let alone spare me even a glance...
He doesn't even care about me at all.
...MIMORI-san?
WHAT HAPPENED?
WHAT'S WRONG?


Eh?
Eh?

KOUKI-KUN, KO-WAIT!
KOUKI-KUN!
KOUKI-KUN, U I...
YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE ABOUT TO CRY,
SO I THOUGHT THAT THAT GUY WAS MAKING YOU UPSET.
OR DID I DISTURB YOU TWO?
EH...
U

What—...?
NEVER MIND,
SINCE I'VE DISTURBED YOU GUYS, I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND GO
I still don't understand...
anything about Kouki-kun!
However,

I believe, that
that gentle feeling he
gives me is definitely
not a lie!

ICHIGO-CHAN?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AH, THAT...
YOU WEREN'T DISTURBING US OR ANYTHING!
NOT AT ALL!!
REALLY...!

Y-
YEAH
I
SEE
Hugs
WAH!

...It's spreading through my whole body...

The sound of my beating heart...

Ah, this is...

the sound of love...

Koi Oto

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Sign of Love

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?
Tai-
Taika?!
Ah! I got on the wrong train!
HM?
...EH?
THE TRAIN IS ABOUT TO ARRIVE IN NAKAMACHI! NAKAMACHI!
HM
PFFT
Ha! It-it was looking me because the train was a little crowded!
Right, Ken?!
There kinds of should things happen often, right?!

SO
TAKE CARE OF YOUR SELF
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH HER IN ANY WAY?
.....

I'M HOME~

I KNOW.

Today it's my turn to cook!

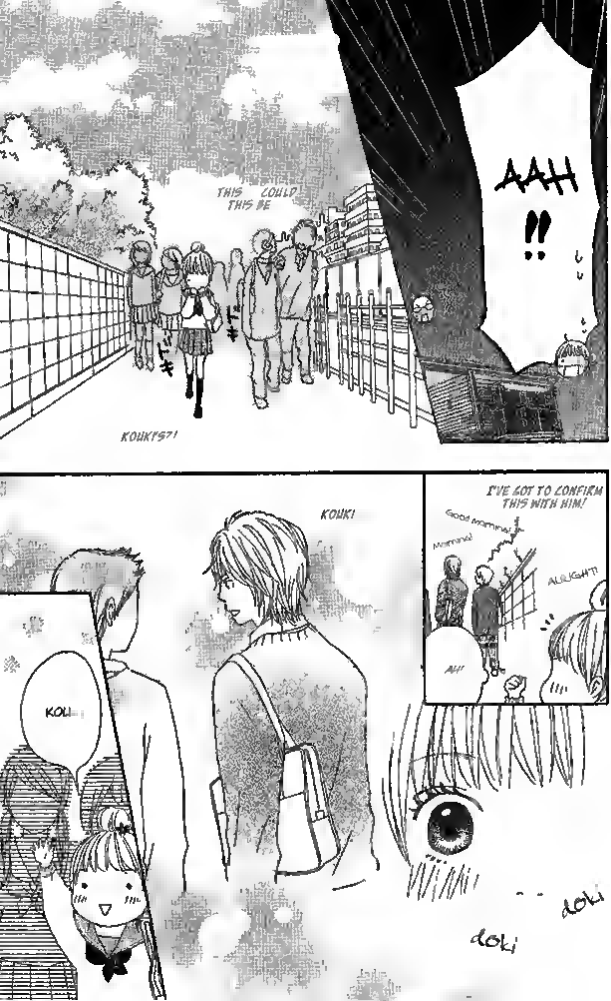
WELCOME BACK.

A KEY?

ICHIGO, YOUR GRANDMA SENT YOU A KEY.

I've lost my key. The one with a blue fish keychain.

Ichigo, I've found the key you were looking for in the sea.


AAH !!
THIS COULD? THIS BE
KOUKI?97!
KOUKI
KOU
I'VE GOT TO CONFIRM THIS WITH HIM!
Good morning!
Morning!
ALRIGHT!
AH!
doki
doki

RECENTLY, HE SEEMS TO BE GETTING MORE POPULAR.
GAAAH!?!
!!NO?!
Mornin' Kouki!
KYAAA
Morning Kouki!
CRASH
DASH
DON'T YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE LOVE! YOU'LL LOSE IF YOU AREN'T CAREFUL!
OH? YOU'VE FINALLY GOTTEN SERIOUS
NO. EVEN IF I USE ALL MY MIGHT I CAN'T GET CLOSE TO HIM.
BUT HOW SHOULD I HAND THE KEYS OVER TO HIM?

I'M SO NERVOUS!
THIS IS LIKE SENDING A LOVE LETTER!
WHAT DID YOU DROP?
WAH!

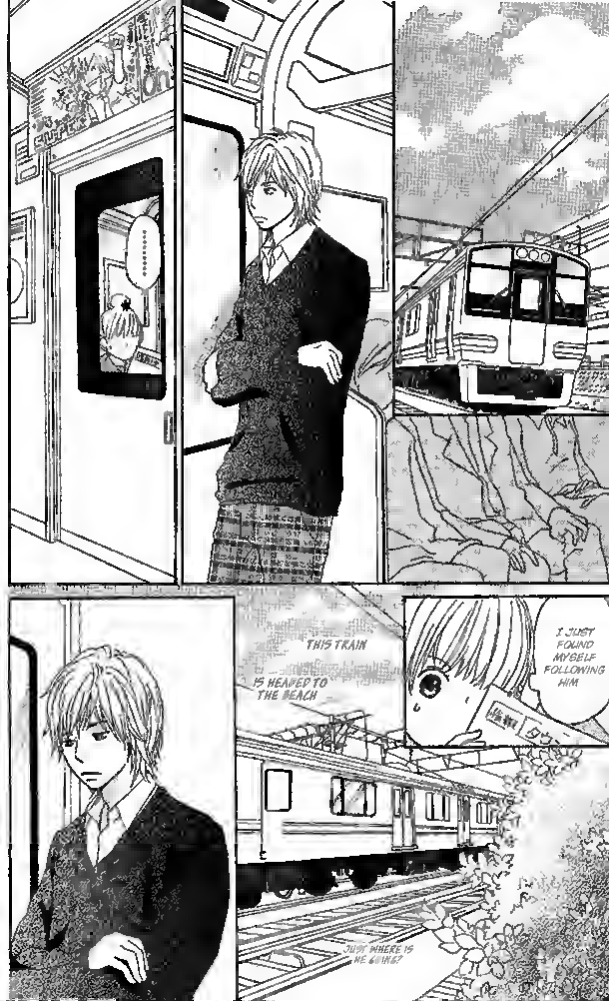
Is this the key that Kouki dropped into the sea?
-Ichigo
.....
IS THIS KOUKI'S?
EH...
UM...
ABOUT THE KEY. KOUKI ASKED ME TO KEEP IT A SECRET FROM TAIKA!
ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE SEA AT KAYAMA LAST SUMMER?
"SEA"...
WHAT DO I DO—?

DON'T YOU JUST CONVENIENTLY TAKE MY LOVE LETTER TO READ

LET ME TAKE A LOOK!
THAT CAN'T BE 'NOTHING'
YOU'RE BLUFFING!
NOTHING
WHAT'S WITH THAT KEY?
I TOLD YOU IT'S NOTHING!

THAT! I'VE SEEN KOUKI YELL LIKE THAT ONCE
.....
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
You guys should also go back to class soon
I'LL DEFINITELY DIG IT OUT FROM YOU LATER!
You really did help me out!
He's shaking his shoulders
AH UM
EH?
YOU AREN'T GOING BACK TO CLASS?
YEP
I'M SKIPPING!
EH!
Gah
ICHIGO
THANKS FOR THIS

SO...
BYE BYE!
SKIPPING. HOW CAN HE BE SO RELAXED ABOUT THAT
THIS IS SO WORRYING
THERE'S THIS GNAWING FEELING ABOUT THAT...
IT'S AS IF HE IS UP TO SOMETHING
AND THAT KEY...
TURNED OUT TO BE SO IMPORTANT.
EVEN THOUGH HE SAID HE DIDN'T WANT IT ANYMORE...


I JUST FOUND MYSELF FOLLOWING HIM
THIS TRAIN IS HEADED TO THE BEACH
BUT WHERE IS HE GOING?

SHOCK
KOUKI WOULDN'T BE DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT AGAIN, RIGHT?
AH!
I NEED TO GET OFF QUICKLY
AH!
TAP
Kayama
Kayama
Terminal
Kayama

ヘルちゃ
OW
OW
OW
SFX BANG

IGHI
I GOT CAUGHT
-GO ...?
WHY ..
WHAT
ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
YOU WANT TO GO TO THE BEACH RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO THERE?
Eh!
Kouki!

ICHIGO
LET'S END OUR SKIPPING-CLASS DATE HERE, OK?
EH...
PUSH
!

Kouki!

That kind of smile...
How can I
leave him alone?

clink
sigh

You're a boy! You can't cry OK?
うわあぁぁん
うわあぁぁん
うわあぁぁん
うわあぁぁん
SFX. UWAAAAAA

SFX: UWAAAA

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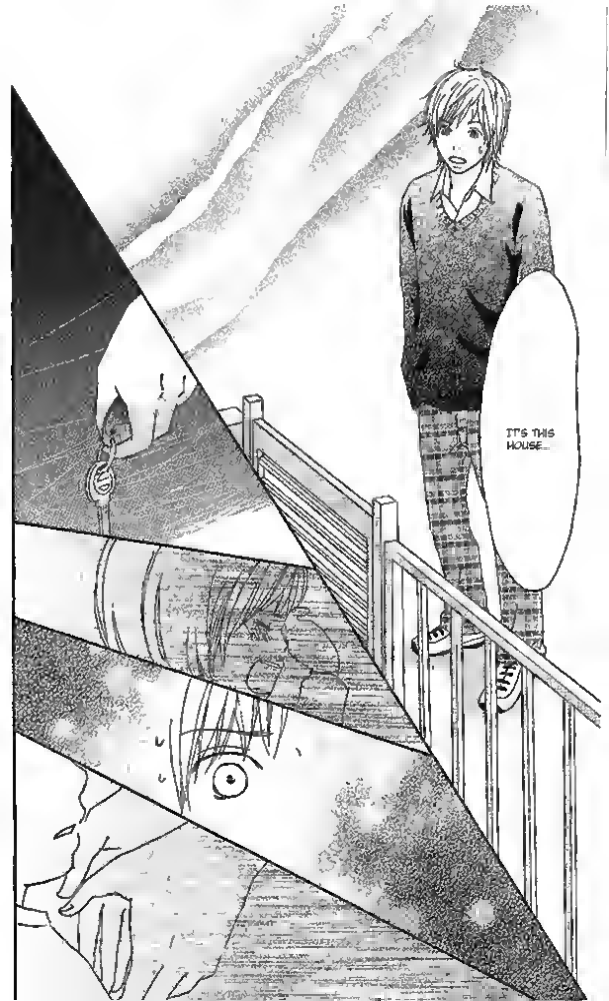
AH—
THIS IS THE PLACE—


IT'S THIS HOUSE...

AH
AH
"Kouki."
"Let's go to the beach"
"KOUKI!

KOUKI!
ICHI
GREAT, I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU!
THANK GOODNESS GORO-SAN WAS HERE TO HELP!
WHY
WHY DIDN'T YOU GO BACK?

AND NOW YOU FEEL THE NEED TO HELP?
YOU PAID MORE ATTENTION BECAUSE OF THAT INCIDENT, RIGHT?
ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED AT THE BEACH LAST YEAR?
KOUKI'S EXPRESSION WAS SO WEIRD
BE-CAUSE I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
...NO!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! I...
DON'T BOTHER ME ANYMORE!
EVEN IF IT'S OUT OF COMPASSION,
IT ANNOYS ME.

BECAUSE I LIKE YOU
...BECAUSE I LIKE YOU, THAT'S WHY I CARE ABOUT YOU!

WHAT'S ALL THIS RUCKUS ABOUT?

EH ?
YOU ARE KOUKI WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR, RIGHT?
AH!
YOU...
THE KEY ALSO HAS THAT PATTERN
DOES THAT KEY BELONG TO THIS HOUSE?
ALTHOUGH SOMEONE ELSE LIVES HERE NOW...
THE BLUE FISH ON THAT STAINED GLASS WIN-DOW...
THIS WAS...
WHERE KOUKI ONCE LIVED?...

THAT MEANS KOUKI CAME HERE BECAUSE OF THIS
BUT THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LEFT IN YOUR FAMILY
BUT YOU'RE STILL DOING WELL
.....
AH!
KOUKI?!

GO BACK!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO COME HERE, DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?
EVERYONE HAS SOME-THING THAT HE OR SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SHARE RIGHT?

THEN...
I'LL GO BACK
SORRY...

ACTUALLY PLEASE STAY WITH ME
SORRY!
EVEN IF FOR A LITTLE WHILE

SQUEEZE
I REALLY WANT TO HOLD YOU TIGHT

I FEEL LIKE... BRINGING THE SMALL, TREMBLING YOU... AND YOUR EVERYTHING INTO MY ARMS.
IT'S GETTING DARK
DON'T YOU WANT TO GO HOME?
SHALC
SHALC

I'M NOT GOING BACK!
I WANT TO ALWAYS...
BECAUSE OF PITY.
I CAN'T STOP CRYING.
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME UNDERSTANDING HOW THAT FEELS
STAY WITH YOU.